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Abstract

2 A tool, or probe, is provided for insertion into a avian or poultry carcass for removing the
3 crop and/or windpipe and/or gullet and/or other undesired viscera from the neck of the bird
4 carcass. The probe has helical threads protruding from a probe body. V-shaped voids are cut
5 into the helical threads to provide teeth for removal of the crop and other inedible viscera from
6 the carcass. A cam and method of manufacturing a cam for use in decropping machines and
7 other food processing machinery is provided. The cam includes plastic guides that are pre-
8 shaped in two dimensions and then wrapped about a three dimensional cam frame to provide a
9 desired path for a cam follower.

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